

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masanao KOHASHI et al.
Title: POLYESTER FIBERS FOR RUBBER REINFORCEMENT AND DIPPED CORDS USING SAME
Parent Appl. No.: TO BE ASSIGNED
Parent Filing Date: July 26, 2001
Examiner: To be assigned
Art Unit: To be assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Box PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claim 5 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

5. (Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

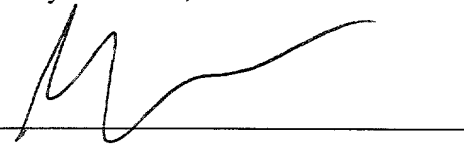
- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) $\geq 96\%$; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage $\leq 7.5\%$.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment to the claim be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

By



Harold C. Wegner
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 25,258

Date July 26, 2001

FOLEY & LARDNER
Washington Harbour
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20007-5109
Telephone: (202) 672-5571
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

5. (Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) $\geq 96\%$; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage $\leq 7.5\%$.